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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA ON REPEAL OF FSC/ETI

REFTEL: STATE 251625

1. (U) On 30 November Pol/Econ chief met with Dimitrij Grcar, State Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Economy to present reftel points on repeal of FSC/ETI. Grcar knows the case well and explained that Slovenia considers it resolved. He was not aware of the latest European Commission position but said he would investigate - commenting that he is often baffled as to what motivates Brussels on some issues.

2. (U) Grcar took a pragmatic view of the issue. He believes a transition period as such is not necessarily an obstacle to closing the WTO dispute, and he is strongly in favor of considering this case resolved and moving it off the table.

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